

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please add the following text before page 1, line 1 and after the title:

Background of the Invention

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1. Technical Field

Please add the following text after page 1, line 16:

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2. Related Art

Please add the following text after page 2, line 8:

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Summary of the Invention

Please add the following text after page 2, line 20:

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Brief Description of the Drawings

Please add the following text after page 2, line 31:

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Detailed Description of the Invention

Please add the following text on the line after "CLAIMS:" and prior to claim 1, on page


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--What is claimed is:--

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On page 7, beginning on line 1, please amend the Abstract as follows:

 A device according to the invention; for reading and/or writing information from from/onto an optical information carrier (1), the device comprising ~~comprises~~ read means (2) including an imager means (21, 22, 23) for imaging a radiation beam (24) so as to form a into scanning spot (11) ~~with which to scan~~ the information carrier, (1) is scanned and including detection means (26) a detector for generating a read signal (S_{rs}) ~~which is~~ indicative of the intensity of the radiation reflected from the information carrier (1) at the location of the scanning spot (11). The device has an information transfer mode, wherein ~~in which~~ the scanning spot (11) is moved in a first direction (R1) with respect to the information carrier (1). The device further has a displacement mode, wherein ~~in which~~ the scanning spot (11) is moved in a second direction (R2) transverse to the first direction (R1). The device includes a controller ~~control~~ means (40, 41) for controlling the imager ~~imaging~~ means (21, 22, 23) in response to a measurement signal (FE) ~~which is~~ indicative of the degree of focusing of the radiation beam (24) ~~at the location of the scanning spot (11)~~. The ~~control~~ means controller samples and holds ~~include sample and hold~~ means (40) for ~~sampling and holding~~ the measurement signal (FE) in response to a sample signal (S_{CTRL}). ~~According to the invention the device is characterized in that the sample signal (S_{CTRL}) causing~~ causes the measurement signal (FE) to be sampled when the said ~~the~~ intensity is comparatively high. ~~This measure reduces radial to vertical thus reducing radial-to-vertical crosstalk.~~